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Monday, the 27th April, 1936/15th Medam, 1111.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock, with Khan Bahadur Nawab Sir Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Bahadur, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., Kt., LL. D., Dewan-President in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls :—

(1) Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan, M. A. (Oxon) F. R. H. S., (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) ;

(2) Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai, B. A. (Oxon) (*Conservator of Forests*) :

(3) Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai, M. R. C. S., L. R. C. P., D. P. H. (Lond.) DR. P. H., F. R. S, (Trop.) M. & N., F. R. I. P. H. (*Director of Public Health*) ;

(4) Mr. K. N. Kesava Pillai, B. A., B. L,. (*Secretary to Government*) ;

(5) Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai, M. A., B. Sc., Ph.D., (*Chief Secretary to Government*) ;

(6) Mr. C. Kumara Das, B. A., M. SC., F. I. C. (*Industrial Chemist in charge of the Department of Industries*) ;

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(7) Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai, B. A., B. L., (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) ;

(8) Rao Bahadur A. Rangaswami Aiyar, B. A, (*Financial Secretary to Government*) ;

(9) Mr. James Simpson, M. B., Ch. B. (*Darbar Physician*) ;

(10) Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*) ;

MOTION *RE* EXPRESSION OF SORROW ON THE DEATH OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE V, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VIII, UPON HIS ACCESSION.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Sir, the sad news we received on the morning of the 21st of January last announcing the demise of His Majesty King George V, Emperor of India, fell upon us like a thunderbolt and gave us a shock which makes our hearts still vibrate with feelings of sorrow and pain. This sad calamity threw the whole British Empire into mourning. All activities were stopped, the people suspended their avocations and sent forth their prayers in solemn silence to bless the soul of the departed sovereign. The news came to us when we were least prepared for it. It was not expected that the glorious reign of a benevolent ruler would come to an end so suddenly. His late Majesty did not ail for long. We read in the newspapers reports of His Majesty's illness just for a few days only and it was hoped that by the united prayers of the numerous millions of His Majesty's subjects His Majesty would recover from his short illness as he did on a former occasion. But it was otherwise this time. His Majesty was called away to heaven and we are left here to bemoan his loss. It is just over three months since this terrible event happened and this House meets for the first time to-day since then. I am sure it is the wish of the House that it should avail itself of this opportunity to record its sense of sorrow at the loss which the Empire has sustained.

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